The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godwon) of rice and wheat for ITDP /RPDS continue to be Rs. 50/- per quintal less than for PDS. No increase has been made in the Central issue price (ex-FCI godown) of coarsegrains and it continues at Rs. 119/ per quintal for PDS and at Rs. 149/- per quintal for ITDP/RPDS as fixed from 1st October, 1990.

(c): The increases made in the Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of price and wheat during 1990, 1991 aid 1993 were as follows:—

(Rs per quintal)

Effective from	Increase made		
	RICE		
	Common	Fine	Superfine
25-06-90	45.00	45.00	45.00
28-12-91	88.00	88.00	88.00
11-01-93	60.00	60.00	60.00
	WHEAT		
01-05-90	30.00		
28-12-91	46.00		
11-01-93	50.00		

(d) The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat are increased from time to time to partially absorb the increase in the procurement prices of paddy and wheat. The Central issue prices are far below the economic cost of foodgrains.

(e) After taking into effect the increase of the Central issue prices of rice and wheat the consumer subsidies will be as under:—

(Rs per quintal)

	Wheat	Rice
1992-93	216.19	152.00
1993-94	229.06	149.04

Licensed Sugar Mills in Coopertive Sector in UP

1398. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of licensed Sugar Mills inCooperative Sector in Uttar Pradesh is held up due to non-availability of funds from financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action is contemplated to be taken to make available loans to these factories on easy terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As on 31-1-1993, 6 letters of intent issued for establishment of new sugar mills in the co-operative sector in Uttar Pradesh, are pending implementation. The financial institutions have informed that in one case term loan has been sanctioned, two other cases are pending consideration and in the remaining 3 cases, applications are yet to be received by them.

(c) Keeping in view the increase in project cost, a new incenitve scheme has been formulated by the Government which would enable the financial institutions to consider the pending applications

Progress of National Action Plans

1399. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any progress in regard to the national action plans to combat hunger and malnutrition, as agreed in the Rome International Conference on Nutrition: and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Substantial progress has been made, both by the Central as well as State Governments, to combat hunger and malnutrition as agreed in the International Conference on Nutrition held at Rome. Some of the areas where action has already been taken are briefly mentioned in the annexed statement. (*See* below). The existing programmes will, however, be examined in detail to modify/expand them so that the goals set in the World Declaration and Plan of Action on Nutrition could be achieved in the shortest possible time.

Statement

Some major components of the National Action Plan proposed for the International Conference on Nutrition held in Rome in December, 1992.	Action being taken by Government of India
1. To make all efforts to eliminate before the end of this decade :	
(a) Famine and famine-related deaths and starvation affected by natural and man-made disasters.	A Cabinet Committee on Natural Calamities has been fcWnsiued o examine, direc and conro programmes for reducing he adverse impac of natura /caiamiies and o direc and moni or impaiemen a ion of relief measures in he wvke of na urcalamiies Keepin in vicA, he objec ives and s ra egies enuncia ed by hefUni ed Na ions General Assembly Resolu ion. a Na ional Advisory Council has een fconsiued which includes par icipa ion o` Sae Governmens. Scien ific and Technical Organisa ions and Non-Governmen al Organisaions Excu ion o rlie opera ions in he wake of na ural cal mi ies is primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments concerned A Committee Weaded by the Chief Secretary has been empowered to decide fhn all matters connected with relief operations
(b) Iodine aCEd Zitamin A de cieCEcies	National Goitre Control Programme and the prot phylaxis programmes against blindness deu to Zitamin 'A' deficiency amÆng children aim a achieving this goal. These actions are supplemented with interventions likefoMti cation of foodstuff